



Yakima County Fire Marshal's Office

Public Information Handout FP-16

Outdoor Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces



Yakima County Code and International Fire Code 307

The Yakima County Code and International Fire Code (IFC) Chapter 3 regulates the size and locations of open burning, recreational burning, and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces.

Additional restrictions may be applied by the Yakima Regional Clean Air Agency.

Recreational Burning and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

Recreational burning must meet specific criteria.

- Shall not involve the burning of garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction /demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.
- Shall not be conducted within 15 feet of structures.
- Shall follow burn ban requirements when in effect.

Recreational fires can be enjoyed by all when we respect our neighbors. Be mindful of smoke that is produced. Some people are very sensitive. Never burn green leaves or branches. They can cause a lot of smoke.



Simple Reminders:

- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Always have a competent means of extinguishment close by.
- Watch for changes in the wind direction and its influence on the smoke.
- Be mindful of your neighbors.
- If there is a red flag warning, don't burn or extinguish what you have and monitor it.
- The National Weather Service Established Red Flag Warnings.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Yakima County Building and Fire Safety at (509) 574-2300.